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SUBJECT: SELECTION OF POSTS FOR INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE  
CONTENT ON CLASSIFIED HOMEPAGES

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1. REFTEL ANNOUNCED A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SOFTWARE, EQUIPMENT, TRAINING AND CONTRACT STAFFING TO HELP UP TO 30 POSTS INCREASE BIOGRAPHIC REPORTING AND CABLES ON THEIR CLASSIFIED HOMEPAGES. THIS PROGRAM IS PART OF THE DOD HORIZONTAL FUSION INITIATIVE, IN COORDINATION WITH STATE'S PROGRAM TO PUBLISH CLASSIFIED REPORTING AND ANALYSIS ON HOMEPAGES AVAILABLE ON SIPRNET.

2. OVER 50 POSTS HAVE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM. COLLECTIVELY THE RESPONDING POSTS REPORTED HOLDING NEARLY 20,000 PAPER BIOGRAPHIC FILES AND MANY THOUSANDS OF CABLES SUITABLE FOR WEB PUBLISHING. TO PARTICIPATE, POSTS MUST HAVE AN ACTIVE CLASSIFIED HOMEPAGE. DUE TO THE HIGH RESPONSE, WE WILL SELECT POSTS WHOSE HOMEPAGES ARE UPDATED REGULARLY WITH CURRENT REPORTING AND THAT MEET THE BASELINE ACTIVATION CRITERIA (FOUND ON THE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE WEBSITE AT [WWW.STATE.SGOV.GOV/PORTALXCOP](http://WWW.STATE.SGOV.GOV/PORTALXCOP)).

3. ALTHOUGH WE ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE FULL SUPPORT PACKAGE TO ALL POSTS INITIALLY SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE, IT APPEARS THAT ALL POSTS MAY NOT NEED THE SAME TOOL SET. FOR EXAMPLE, MANY POSTS ALREADY HAVE SOME LEVEL OF SCANNING CAPABILITY. SOME POSTS HAVE SAFES FULL OF PAPER BIOGRAPHIC FILES WHILE OTHERS HAVE RELATIVELY FEW. FOR THE LATTER, THE ABILITY TO EASILY PUBLISH CABLES TO THE SIPRNET MIGHT BE THE MAIN BENEFIT, AND WE ARE LOOKING AT WAYS TO ENABLE POSTS TO SELF INSTALL THIS CAPABILITY. SIMILARLY, WE ARE LOOKING AT METHODS THAT WOULD ENABLE A POST TO PUBLISH A CABLE TO ITS SIPRNET HOMEPAGE SIMPLY BY ADDING A NEW CAPTION TO THE OUTGOING MESSAGE.

4. ACCORDINGLY, DEPENDING ON THE SUCCESS OF A PILOT, WE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SOME LEVEL OF IMPROVED FUNCTIONALITY TO ALL POSTS THAT EXPRESS AN INTEREST.

5. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH MEXICO CITY TO TEST CORE FUNCTIONALITY ACROSS THE CLASSIFIED NETWORK. BY THE END OF JUNE THE BETA TESTING WILL BE COMPLETED IN MEXICO CITY. DURING JULY WE PLAN TO VISIT SEVERAL POSTS IN EAP TO INSTALL A BETA VERSION OF THE SOLUTION AND HIRE CONTRACT ASSISTANCE AT POST TO SEE HOW THE SOLUTION FUNCTIONS IN AN OPERATIONAL SETTING. IN AUGUST WE WILL REVIEW THE LESSONS LEARNED AND DEVELOP BEST PRACTICES. BY SEPTEMBER, WE PLAN TO HAVE A WELL-DEVELOPED SET OF PROCESSES AND TOOLS THAT WILL SUIT A VARIETY OF POSTS. WE EXPECT TO ANNOUNCE DECISIONS IN AUGUST (EUUR), SEPTEMBER (NEA, AF) AND OCTOBER (WHA) ON INITIAL PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM.

6. AN UNCLASSIFIED EMAIL DISCUSSION GROUP HAS BEEN FORMED TO

SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PROJECT. TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS GROUP SEND AN EMAIL TO [HF@CITI-US.COM](mailto:HF@CITI-US.COM)

[¶7](#). ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION FOR THIS NET CENTRIC DIPLOMACY PROJECT CAN ALSO BE FOUND BY CLICKING ON THE NET-CENTRIC DIPLOMACY LOGO AT [WWW.STATE.SGOV.GOV/RM/IRPCIP/](http://WWW.STATE.SGOV.GOV/RM/IRPCIP/) ON CLASSNET.

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